General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Senate Resolution No. **1**   File No.   Cal. No.

"RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE SENATE."

1   Strike subsection (b) of Senate Rule 9 in its entirety and insert the
2   following in lieu thereof:

3   "(b) Notwithstanding any provision of these rules, the joint rules of
4   the Senate and the House of Representatives or section 2-26 of the
5   general statutes, no bill concerning the budget or implementing a
6   budget provision shall be acted upon by the Senate unless such bill has
7   been available to members of the General Assembly and to the public
8   in printed format and on the Connecticut General Assembly web site
9   for at least forty-eight hours prior to such action.

10   (c) On any day that is not scheduled as a session day, the President
11   Pro Tempore and the minority leader, or their designees, may call the
12   Senate into session for purposes of transacting business of a procedural
13   nature by filing with the clerk or the clerk's designee a written
14   instruction to conduct a pro forma Senate session with or without the

15 presence of a senator. Said direction shall include a written motion to
16 adopt the day's Senate agenda and act on all items as indicated and
17 incorporate the items by reference into the Senate journal and Senate
18 transcript. Said motion shall be read into the record and shall have the
19 same force and effect as if the Senate were convened with a presiding
20 officer and senator."

21 After Senate Rule 23, insert the following and renumber the
22 remaining rules accordingly:

23 "24. Notwithstanding any provision of these rules, no bill or
24 amendment: (a) Creating or enlarging a state mandate, as defined in
25 subsection (a)(2) of section 2-32b of the general statutes, to local
26 governments, as defined in subsection (a)(1) of section 2-32b of the
27 general statutes; (b) authorizing the creation of tax revenue that was
28 not included in revenue estimates adopted for the then-current
29 biennial budget; (c) authorizing an increase in the rate of taxation of
30 any source of tax revenue included in the revenue estimates adopted
31 for the then-current biennial budget; (d) increasing the total amount
32 appropriated from any fund in the then-current biennial budget; or (e)
33 that includes provisions that take effect after the next state election in
34 an even-numbered year shall be considered passed or agreed to except
35 by vote of at least two-thirds of the members present."

36 After Senate Rule 31, insert the following and renumber the
37 remaining rules accordingly:

38 "32. The Senate shall not meet beyond the hour of midnight. At the
39 hour of midnight, if the Senate is in session, the president shall
40 interrupt the business then pending and shall, without debate, place
41 before the Senate the question of suspension of this rule to conclude
42 such business then pending only. If suspension of this rule is approved
43 by two-thirds of the members present, the Senate shall then return to
44 the pending business. Immediately after such business is concluded,
45 the president shall, without debate, adjourn or recess the Senate to a
46 time not earlier than 9:00 a.m. on the next succeeding calendar day. If

47   suspension of this rule is not approved, the president shall forthwith
48   and without debate adjourn or recess the Senate to a time not earlier
49   than 9:00 a.m. on the next succeeding calendar day."